

GILMARTIN RAYMOND V  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 GILMARTIN RAYMOND V  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 MERCK & COMPANY, INC., ONE  
 MERCK DRIVE  
 (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/26/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WHITEHOUSE  
 STATION, NJ 08889  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
RESTRICTED UNITS	09/26/2005		A <sup>(2)</sup>	V 1,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	(A) or (D) Price 16,010	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 45.78	09/26/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000	09/25/2006 09/26/2015	COMMON STOCK	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILMARTIN RAYMOND V MERCK & COMPANY, INC. ONE MERCK DRIVE WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ 08889		X		

## Signatures

Trevor Gunderson by Power of Attorney on behalf of RAYMOND GILMARTIN 09/27/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person
Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Non-Employee Director option (right to buy) granted under the General Mills, Inc. 2001 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award granted under the General Mills, Inc. 2001 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. - no set value.
- (3) Following retirement, on date(s) selected in advance by Reporting Person, Reporting Person shall be eligible to receive one share of common stock for each restricted stock unit.

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